

CSUS has absorbed budgetary rescissions of 2.8 percent, followed by an additional 2 percent, in recent months. The cutbacks come at a time of increased interest in the four universities. Overall enrollment at CSUS is at the highest level in the past six years, and full-time enrollment is at the highest level ever, having increased by 44% since 1996.

“Four months ago, it appeared we would be hard-pressed to sustain ongoing operations with less than a 15 percent tuition increase, given the cutback in state support and increasing operational costs,” said CSUS Chancellor David G. Carter. “The steps we have taken in recent months have helped to cut that potential increase by almost two-thirds, and that is significant for our students and our state.”

In December, Carter told Connecticut’s Board of Governors for Higher Education that the Board may need to consider waiving the 15 percent ceiling on increases if state budget cuts of 10 percent or more were imposed.

For the upcoming academic year, applications for enrollment will reflect the largest one-year jump in the CSUS’s history, an anticipated 11 percent increase, on top of an 18 percent increase over the past four years. Southern recently cut-off applications for first-time, full-time freshman, and Central has instituted a waiting list for acceptances for Fall 2009 attendance. Applications are also outpacing previous years at Western and Eastern.

The state pays approximately 49 percent of CSUS’s educational and general costs per student, with virtually all of the remainder borne by students. The level of state support is higher at UConn and the Connecticut Community Colleges.

Carter said that financial aid packages will continue to help students, noting that 49 percent of students are first generation in their families to attend college, and many work in addition to pursuing their education. “We continue to strive for ways to increase the amount of available aid, and we are encouraged by revisions at the federal level to Pell eligibility, which should make more money available to more students in need,” Carter said.

In FY2008, the most recent figures available, 75.5% of full-time students received some form of financial aid and 89 percent of all non-loan institutional aid provided to CSUS students was need-based. Another significant source of aid provided by the universities is student employment, which provides assistance to over 1,800 students. Carter said that CSUS is exploring means to increase student employment opportunities, which not only assists students financially, but is known to increase student’s ability to remain in school.

CSUS UNDERGRADUATE TUITION & FEES

Full-time, in-state student RESIDENT	2008-09	2009-10	Full-time, in-state student COMMUTER	2008-09	2009-10
Central	\$15,660	\$16,536	Central	\$7,042	\$7,414
Eastern	\$16,323	\$17,433	Eastern	\$7,406	\$7,813
Southern	\$16,145	\$17,047	Southern	\$7,179	\$7,578
Western	\$16,281	\$17,174	Western	\$7,088	\$7,462

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